

**OPINION 2044 (Case 3172)*****Leptodactylus chaquensis* Cei, 1950 (Amphibia, Anura): specific name conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the specific name of *Leptodactylus chaquensis* Cei, 1950, a subtropical South American frog, is conserved. The specific name was threatened by the senior synonym *L. typicus* Cei, 1948, available under Article 45.6.4 of the Code. The name *L. typica* was applied in 1948 to what was then supposed to be a 'forma' of *L. ocellatus* Linnaeus, 1758, but has never been used and is now suppressed.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power the name *typica* Cei, 1948, as published in the combination *Leptodactylus ocellatus* forma *typica*, is suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *chaquensis* Cei, 1950, as published in the binomen *Leptodactylus chaquensis*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *typica* Cei, 1948, as published in the combination *Leptodactylus ocellatus* forma *typica* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3172**

An application to conserve the widely used name *Leptodactylus chaquensis* Cei, 1950 for a subtropical South American frog by suppression of the name *L. typicus* Cei, 1948 was received from José M. Cei (*Departamento Ciencias Naturales, Universidad Nacional de Rio Cuarto, Rio Cuarto, Córdoba, Argentina*) on 31 August 2000. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 58: 116–118. The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. A comment in support of the application was published in BZN 59: 44–45.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 December 2002 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 58: 117. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2003 the votes were as follows: 24 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, no Commissioners voted AGAINST, no vote was received from Mahnert. Ng was on leave of absence.

**Original references**

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- chaquensis*, *Leptodactylus*, Cei, 1950, *Acta Zoologica Lilloana*, 9: 417.  
*typica*, *Leptodactylus ocellatus* 'forma', Cei, 1948, *Acta Zoologica Lilloana*, 6: 308.